

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is filed in response to the office action dated July 12, 2004.

Claims 1-9, 11-16, and 18 are pending in this application after entry of this amendment. Claims 10 and 17 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the office action, claims 1-9, 11-16 and 18 were initially rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being disclosed by Kindell et al. (U.S. Pat. 5,884,028). Furthermore, claims 1, 10, 11, and 17 were initially rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being disclosed by Shetyn (U.S. Pat. 2002/0162109). In addition, the specification and drawings were objected to.

Section 102 Issues

In the office action, claims 1-9, 11-16 and 18 were initially rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being disclosed by Kindell et al. (U.S. Pat. 5,884,028). Claim 1 has been amended to include the previous limitations of claims 2 and 10. Since claim 10 was not rejected under Kindell, it is believed that this amendment overcomes the rejection of claim 1 in view of Kindell. Similarly, claim 11 has been amended to include the previous limitations of claims 13 and 17. Since claim 17 was not rejected under Kindell, it is believed that this amendment overcomes the rejection of claim 11 in view of Kindell. Similarly, claim 18 has been amended to include the limitation from claim 17. Thus, the same rationale applicable to claim 11 applies to claim 18 and the rejection under Kindell, as well. Thus, claims 1-9, 11-16, and 18 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 10, 11, and 17 were initially rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being disclosed by Shetyn (U.S. Pat. 2002/0162109). Claims 10 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been amended to include the previous limitation from claim 2. Since claim 2 was not rejected under Shetyn, it is believed that this amendment overcomes the rejection under Shetyn. Similarly, claim 11 has been amended to include the previous limitation of claim 13. Since claim 13 was not rejected under Shetyn, it is believed that this amendment overcomes the rejection under Shetyn.

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Drawing Issues

A new Fig. 3A has been presented to change "CACHEING" to "CACHING" in item 320 of Fig. 3A.

Specification Issues

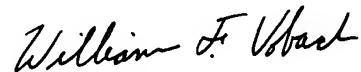
Paragraph 26 of the application has been amended to delete the extraneous typographical marks.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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